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C O N F I D E N T I A L ANKARA 5809

E.O. 11652 GDS
TAGS: MOPS, TU
SUBJ: PROVISIONAL STATUS

REF: (A) STAE 203075; (B) STATE 179569

1. WE NOTE THAT DURING CONVERSATION WITH FRENCH AMBASSADOR, DE LABOULAYE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST SAID THAT ON THE BASIS OF THE ELKDAG VISIT TO WASHINGTON, WE EXPECTED THAT THE GOT MIGHT WELL ISSUE A TEMPORARY DECREE WHICH WOULD PERMIT THE U.S. TO REHABILITATE OUR MILITARY FACILITIES IN TURKEY. WE ASSUME THAT SUCH
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DECREE WOULD REPLACE PROVISIONAL STATUS -- A SERIES OF DECREES ISSUED IN 1975 AND MADE MORE COMPLEX BY LOCAL INTERPRETATION AND VARYING STATUS MUST BE LIFTED IF WE ARE TO BE ABLE TO REFURBISH OUR FACILITIES

MUCH LESS OPERATE THEM.

2. IF THE GOT IS CONSIDERING DECREETING THE REMOVAL OF PROVISIONAL STATUS,
THAT DECREE IS LIKELY TO BE COORDINATED BETWEEN TGS AND
MFA'S BUREAU OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS. BUREAU DIRECTOR
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GENERAL, ALI ALP, AND MOST OF HIS STAFF ARE NEWLY ASSIGNED AND WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THEY MAY NOT FULLY APPRECIATE THE PUNATIVE NATURE OF THE SEVERE RESTRICTIONS OF PROVISIONAL STATUS. IF THE GESTURE OF REMOVING PROVISIONAL STATUS IS TO MEET OUR NEEDS, THE NEW STATUS MUST MEET AT LEAST OUR MINIMUM CONCERNS.

3. WHILE WE DO NOT WANT TO PREJUDICE THE NEGOTIATING POSITIONS

WE UNDERSTAND ARE CURRENTLY BEING FORMULATED IN THE DEPARTMENT, WE ARE CONCERNED THAT UNLESS WE MAKE OUR DESIRES KNOWN AND SEEK CLARIFICATION OF WHAT THE GOT IS CONSIDERING AS ITS DECREE ALTERING PROVISIONAL STATUS, THE TURKISH BUREACRACY WILL SOON SET IN CONCRETE AND UNILATERALLY ISSUE NOW REGULATIONS. THEIR EFFORTS MIGHT BE WELL INTENTIONED BUT THROUGH INADVERTANCE THEY COULD BE AS ONEROUS AS PROVISIONAL STATUS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: REF B INSTRUCTED US NOT TO DISCUSS ANY ISSUES, SUCH AS PROVISIONAL STATUS, WHICH RELATE TO THE FUTURE U.S.-TURKEY INSTALLATION AGREEMENT. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO EXPLORE WITH MFA THE SHAPE AND CONTENT OF WHAT THE GOT INTENDS IN LIEU OF PROVISIONAL STATUS. DILLON

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